the range and volume of Space Products and Services offered for sale.

In terms of financial track record, ACL earns a major portion of its income in foreign exchange. The company has been running profitably from the first year of its establishment. In compliance with the Government of India's objective of deriving adequate return on its investments in Central Public Sector Undertakings, the Company has paid dividend @ 20% and 92% for the years ended 31.3.1996 and 31.3.1997 respectively.

Agreement on Sharing of Ganga Water with Bangladesh

1019. SHRI JOYANTA ROY:
SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent agreement with Bangladesh regarding the sharing of Ganga waters is seriously damaging the Calcutta Port because of acute shortage of inflow of water in the lean period;

(b) whether any study has been conducted in this regard, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would like to review this agreement; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to maintain navigability of the Calcutta Port throughout the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Treaty on Ganga water sharing has been in operation for the two lean seasons of 1997 & 1998. A period of two years is not adequate to determine the effect of the Treaty on the navigability of Calcutta Port.

(c) The Treaty signed in December 1996 provides for first review after two years. Hence, first review of the Treaty is open to both the parties only after December, 1998.

(d) Does not arise.

Augmentation of ground water In Yamuna river

1020. SHRI VEDPRASKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to augment the flow of ground water in Yamuna river in Delhi, the construction of Renuka Dam on Giri in Himachal Pradesh had been recommended by CWC on priority basis;

(b) if so, the present position of this project; and

(c) when the work on this project is likely to be started and completed so that Delhi can get adequate water from Yamuna river?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) A Technical Committee, headed by Member (Water Planning), Central Water Commission, set up by the Ministry of Urban Development recommended taking up of the Renuka dam project for augmentation of water supply in Delhi.

(b) A detailed project report for construction of the Renuka dam project was received in Central Water Commission (CWC) during April 1993 from Government of Himachal Pradesh. CWC offered its comments on the report for compliance by the State. Compliance of the State Government in form of a modified estimate was received in CWC during August 1997. Further comments of CWC on the cost aspects of the project were sent to the State Government during April 1998 and reply from Government of Himachal Pradesh is awaited.

(c) The work on this project can be started after techno-economic and other clearances are obtained by the State Government and investment clearance is accorded by the Planning Commission. Thereafter, if the funds are made available as per requirement, Government of Himachal Pradesh has

scheduled completion of this project in six year time.

Implementation of irrigation projects in Orissa

1021. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the irrigation projects in Orissa which are being implemented with the Central assistance;

(b) whether any monitoring is being conducted from time to time regarding the project and proper utilisation of funds;

(c) whether Government are aware of any corruption in the implementation of Indravati and Rengali projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The following projects in Orissa are receiving Central Loan Assistance / Grants:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Project
1.	Potteru irrigation
2.	Rengali irrigation
3.	Upper Indravati Irrigation
4.	Subernrekha Irrigation
5.	Anandpur Barrage
6.	Upper Kolab Irrigation

(b) There is three tier monitoring of irrigation projects at Central, State and Project level.

(c) Irrigation being a state subject, such matters are not referred to the Centre.

(d) Does not arise.

Release of Fund for Teesta Barrage Project

1022. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which Teeste Barrage Project is presently pending;

(b) the expenses incurred on the project so far;

(c) the amount released by Government;

(d) the time by which the projeet is likely to be completed; and

(e) the bottleneks, if any, affecting the progress in the work and steps taken/ proposed to be taken in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Presently first sub-stage of Stage-I of Phase I of Teesta Barrage Project is under execution. The percentage completion of various components of the project as on 1.1.98 are as under:—

Teesta Barrage	100%
Mahananda barrage	100%
Dauk Nagar barrage	100%
Teesta Mahananda link canal	100%
Mahananda main canal	100%
Dauk Nagar main canal	65%
Nagar Tongaon main canal	Yet to be started.
Teesta Jaldhaka main canal	55%
Distribution system	25%

(b) An expenditure of about Rs. 672.66 crores has been incurred on the project up to March, 1997.

(c) Planning Commission released Special Central Assistance of Rs. 5 crores in the year 1983-84, an advance plan assistance of Rs. 10 crores in 1986-87 and Rs. 10 crores during 1987-88. Further an additional Central Assistance of Rs. 150 crores was sanctioned by the Planning Commission during the VIII Five Year Plan. Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 5 crores was released for the project during the year 1996-97 and Rs. 15 crores during 1997-98 under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) of Ministry of Water Resources.

(d) Irrigation is a State subject. Completion of the project will depend on the priority attached to it by the State Government.

(e) Bottlenecks affecting the progress of the project are land acquisition